

CARLSBAD *Currents*

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Welcome to Carlsbad Currents, an at-a-glance resource for the latest city news, issues and events. Want more information? Visit the City of Carlsbad website at www.carlsbadca.gov.



City survey highlights *the importance of a strong sense of community.*

The results are in from the city's recent resident-satisfaction survey, and, once again, the city received high marks for everything from the quality of public safety services, libraries, parks and streets to the level of confidence in local government.

Another important area measured by the annual survey is residents' sense of community, which comes from the ability to enjoy a healthy lifestyle, rich with culture and learning for all ages. And, most importantly, a community's strength comes from the social connections shared among neighbors. Here's what the latest survey found:

- 80 percent of Carlsbad residents feel it is very important to feel a sense of community with other residents
- 75 percent of Carlsbad residents say they can recognize most of the people who live in their neighborhood
- 76 percent feel their neighbors want the same things from the community
- 76 percent feel if there were a problem in their neighborhood, people who live there can get it solved

Residents 35 to 54 years of age were the most likely to have a high sense of community. Residents who have lived in the city for five years or more also had a higher sense of community. And, residents with children in their homes had a higher sense of community than those without children.

Want to feel more connected?

The city provides a number of ways to make community connections. Visit the city's website for more information about these programs and services:

- Library book clubs and special events
- Classes offered by the city's Parks & Recreation Department
- Concerts, exhibits and other arts programs through the city's Cultural Arts Office
- An active senior center with programs for adults 50-plus
- City volunteer program, providing opportunities to get involved with a wide variety of city activities

Opportunity grants support *happier, healthier kids*

Every child deserves the opportunity to learn, explore and have fun. Beyond having fun, children who participate in Parks & Recreation programs learn life skills, engage in healthy activities, and socialize in safe environments. Yet, challenging economic times have forced many families to cut back on activities for their children, such as sports, summer camp or dance classes.

Thanks to the city's Opportunity Grants program, each year dozens of Carlsbad children from low-income families receive grants of up to \$150 per child that may be applied to Parks & Recreation classes, camps and activities. Opportunity Grants give children access to activities and experiences which, to them, are priceless.

Though partially funded by a federal grant, the Opportunity Grants program is made possible largely through the generosity of many individuals who donate as little as \$5 so that a child may be able to participate in a program.

To make a contribution of any amount to support Opportunity Grants, call **760-434-2865** or visit www.carlsbadca.gov/parksandrec.



Ask the City



The city answers questions from residents.

What is the city doing to manage traffic?

The City of Carlsbad understands that sitting in traffic is frustrating, and city traffic engineers are working hard to ensure that traffic flows as smoothly as possible.

In fact, the city just completed a successful trial of new technology designed to improve traffic signal timing at Carlsbad's busiest intersection: Palomar Airport Road and El Camino Real.

City traffic engineers are moving to the next phase of the program, purchasing and installing equipment that will link all of the signals along Palomar Airport Road and El Camino Real. Delays along these corridors are expected to be reduced by the end of summer.

The Carlsbad City Council has identified the traffic signal program as a top priority, and the ultimate goal is to establish a system that will network nearly all of Carlsbad's 170 traffic signals, improving traffic flow citywide.



Fun and free city events

Here's a sampling of the many fun and interesting events and activities brought to you by the City of Carlsbad. For a complete, searchable calendar of events and meetings, visit the city's website, www.carlsbadca.gov.

EGGstravaganza Spring Festival

Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m.

Poinsettia Community Park, 760-434-2843

Bring a basket for the "Egg Scramble" activity, get a preview of summer camps offered by the city, and participate in a variety of family-friendly activities.

Arbor Day Celebration

Saturday, April 30, 8:30 p.m.

Poinsettia Community Park, 760-434-2826

Celebrate Carlsbad's status as a "Tree City USA," and help plant trees in a community park. Free.



Opera Previews: Carmen

Saturday, May 14, 10 a.m.

Schulman Auditorium,

Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane), 760-434-2904

Free lecture on Bizet's masterpiece by Dr. Ron Shaheen.

Cinema Society

Saturday, May 14 at 2 p.m.

Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane), 760-602-2012

Expert lecturer for the National Geographic Society and Smithsonian Karin Muller's multi-media performance is guaranteed to inspire a spirit of adventure, with insights into world traveling.

This Is Jazz!

Saturday, May 21, 4 p.m.

Schulman Auditorium,

Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane), 760-434-2904

Dirk Sutro's commentary on modern jazz, with music by contrabassist/composer Mark Dresser.

Family Open Studios

Saturday, May 21, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

*Courtyard, Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane)
760-602-2021*

Tour the exhibition then get creative at this very popular hands-on art making event designed for all ages. All materials are provided. No reservations required.



New sculptures grace library entryway

Three new sculptures by Fritzie Urquhart, including "Star Light, Star Bright," "Noodles in Flight" and "Trilogee Whiz," have been installed in front of the Georgina Cole Library. Check out Urquhart's quirky vision of hardware as art next time you pass by the library.

Bulky item pick-up



Saturday, June 25

The city is offering free, curbside pick up of large and bulky items too big for regular trash pick up. To make a reservation, call Waste Management, the city's trash contractor, at 760-929-9400 during the **registration period from June 6 to 13.**

Save water in your spring garden

Spring is the best time to get your garden ready for summer's dry weather and increase your outdoor water savings. Although Carlsbad has received a lot of winter rain, the city—and region—are still faced with water supply challenges.

More than half of the region's water is used to irrigate landscaping, so one of the best ways to save water is to reduce water in the garden:

- Select drought tolerant plants and replace water thirsty grass. Visit www.thegarden.org for a list of Nifty 50 plants
- Apply a two- to three-inch layer of mulch to hold moisture in the soil
- Set sprinkler timers to the minimal time needed to sustain plants. Use the landscape calculator at bewaterwise.com for watering advice

For a complete list of water use rules, visit www.carlsbadca.gov/water or call 760-438-2722.



Watering Schedule

	Mon Wed Sat	Tues Thurs Sun	Mon Wed Fri
Odd-numbered home address			
Even-numbered home address			
Apartments, condos and businesses			

Irrigate landscapes between 6 p.m. and 10 a.m., no more than 10 minutes a station per assigned day.



Get rid of household hazardous waste

Carlsbad residents can get rid of household hazardous waste for free at the city's annual household hazardous waste collection event.

Eligible items include paint, pesticides, e-waste and gasoline.

Saturday, April 30

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For a complete list of eligible items and to make an appointment (beginning April 11), visit the city's website, www.carlsbadca.gov.

What's the phone number for...

City Hall	760-434-2820
Non-emergency police	760-931-2197
Trash service/dump information	760-929-9400
Storm water problems hotline	760-602-2799
Street/street light repairs	760-434-2980
Animal control	760-438-2312
Village farmers' market	760-434-2553
Post office	800-275-8777

For more commonly requested phone numbers, visit the city's website and click on "Carlsbad A-Z" in the upper right of the screen.

